

but almost as engaged in a slaughter in some cases. Senator Bereuter is concerned about this and I think many of the rest of us are also. If you're truly a sportsman then the animal should at least have a fair chance in terms of its life. The example as given us in case of deer, where they have used motorized vehicles, four wheeled jeeps with C.B.'s, chased the animal to the point where it virtually collapses and then they proceed to take the life of the animal. That's not indeed in the good spirit of sportsmanship nor is it good in terms of how we handle our wild life. That's the intent of the bill. There may be others who offer amendments and I'll allow them to offer those and if the body is agreeable we will consent, otherwise we think the body of the bill itself is the major intent and hopefully this body will accept it. I move for the adoption of the amendments to the bill.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, Senator Koch has explained the intent of the bill very well. For the last two to three years I have had constituents coming to me very much concerned about this problem. The majority of them happen to live in eastern Seward County where they feel the population pressure of a metropolitan area and it has reached the point now where people are advertising across their C.B. for somebody with a deer permit so that they can come and slaughter an animal that they have spotted. It's causing great property damage in addition to what it is doing to the game. I did ask specifically that the bill not include non-game animals. That is the amendment to include it so I'm much opposed to the amendment. The reason I'm much opposed is because I know that coyote hunters across the state will be very unhappy to have coyotes included and I'm just not up to taking up that task this year. I'm interested in protecting game animals, deer and other game animals. The Game and Parks Commission specifically drafted the bill for me to include non-game animals. I don't want non-game animals in there and I asked the Committee please don't include it but they apparently had some strong feelings on this matter and it was included. So I hope you can go for the bill but I ask that you defeat the Committee amendment.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan. Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: I don't mind taking it on this year, Doug, in the first place but I don't want non-game animals in there either and it has no bearing there. I don't know, maybe most of you never hunted coyotes. I'm not fast enough to hunt them without a car. Maybe someone else in here is, I don't know, but I certainly say defeat the Committee amendments. I think that's the worst thing you can do. If you want to get shot just go ahead and put it in there. The coyotes will not shoot you but maybe the coyote hunters will. I don't know, but I'll tell you it's almost impossible to hunt coyotes without some kind of a vehicle. I know around here they do it different than we do. They have eight or ten four wheel drive vehicles and they have also C.B. radios. They know where the coyotes are. They know where the coyote is going. They can contact them and they can get the coyotes and they're exterminating a lot of coyotes and that's good. They don't seem to be able to exterminate them too well around here because they seem to be multiplying around in this part of the country, but certainly I would hope we would defeat the amendments so I could support the bill. I support the bill otherwise.